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Canucks. Round 2

▶ Alex Burrows fights off Marcel Goc at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville in February. Fresh off their thrilling Game 7 overtime win over the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday, the Vancouver Canucks take on the Nashville Predators tonight in the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs. Scott Rintoul previews the series, page 29.

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No rest for the weary as Preds await

Rise, shine with royals

▶ Royal wedding party planned at Fairmont Vancouver from 3 a.m. to 9 a.m. ▶ Empress Hotel in Victoria hosting a similar event with more than 400 reserved guests

Some people will do anything to watch history in the making — even get up in the dead of night to watch a live broadcast of a royal wedding halfway around the world.

More than 100 people are convening at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver at 3 a.m. tomorrow to watch Prince William and Kate Middleton's much-anticipated nuptials at Westminster Abbey.

Emily Armstrong, spokesperson for the hotel, said the ticketed event — which, at $29, includes breakfast — is sold out.

"Now we've expanded it to the back half of the lounge so we have a bit more space, for about another 40 or 50 spots."

She said they've added a 5:30 a.m. event, too, with highlights from the wedding, games and prizes, including a fancy-hat award.

Breakfast Television will be broadcasting its show live from the venue.

"Who knew this many people were keen on weddings?" Armstrong said, adding it will be nothing like a pyjama party.

"We'll have a head table set up like a wedding. All of the servers will be in tail jackets with white gloves. We'll do it a bit fancier."

KRISTEN THOMPSON

'Queen's china'

- The Fairmont Vancouver is serving breakfast on its "Queen's china," bought for the Queen's visit in 1939.
- Each plate cost $75 at the time.

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Rescued porpoise under 24-hour care

Aquarium first received reports of stranded harbour porpoise at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday

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A young porpoise is fighting for his life at the Vancouver Aquarium's Marine Mammal Rescue Centre after being found beached off Saltspring Island and being rushed by Coast Guard hovercraft to the city.

Staff is monitoring the porpoise — now named Siyay — around the clock and treating him for a number of diseases and ailments including lungworm, gastric ulcerations and muscle weakness.

Dr. Martin Haulena, the Aquarium vet, said stranded whales and dolphins usually have a 10 per cent chance of living after being rescued.

"We know lots of things are wrong with him, but we don't know if they are the cause of (being stranded)," Haulena said.

"But the longer he stays with us, the better his chances become."

Haulena said it's too early to know if Siyay would be eligible for re-release if he survives.

"The opportunity to work with a live cetacean is rare and in my five years here only two have been successfully transferred back here," he added.

It's only the second time in five years the aquarium has rescued a live porpoise, which staff consider an unusual educational opportunity because they more frequently wash up dead.

The last time, the dependant calf named Daisy survived and now lives at the aquarium, because it could not be released back into the wild.

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▶ Members of the Coast Guard, Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Aquarium rush a sick porpoise to shore after it was found beached off Saltspring Island.

Rescue Centre

- The Vancouver Aquarium's Marine Mammal Rescue Centre has been in operation for 40 years.
- It treats and rehabilitates about 150 sick, injured or abandoned animals a year.
- Most of its patients are seals.

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CRIME

Man sought in alleged racist attack

Abbotsford police are trying to track down a man suspected of a racially motivated assault on an older man.

Police say four Indo-Canadian men were seated on a bench near Old Yale Road and Mitchell Street Tuesday evening when a white man in his mid-20s approached them and allegedly belted out derogatory ethnic comments.

Police say he then pulled out a liquor bottle and struck a 63-year-old victim in the face.

The blow caused the victim to fall to the ground, and the suspect ran from the scene.

"The assault was clearly a racially motivated act of violence and cowardice," Abbotsford police spokesperson Const. Ian MacDonald said in a news release.

MATT KIELTYKA

Canucks fans give police little trouble

Vancouverites were fairly well-behaved after the Canucks beat the Chicago Blackhawks in overtime Tuesday night, police say.

Thousands of people flooded the Granville entertainment district and only seven people were arrested for breach of peace, said Const. Lindsey Houghton.

He added that everyone was in a celebratory mood.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

City women ranked 6th most beautiful

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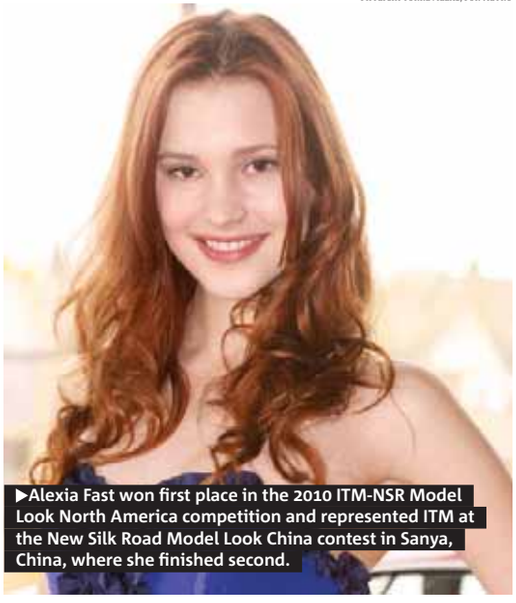

▶Alexia Fast won first place in the 2010 ITM-NSR Model Look North America competition and represented ITM at the New Silk Road Model Look China contest in Sanya, China, where she finished second.

Melbourne, Rio de Janeiro and Amsterdam take top 3 spots on list

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Vancouver women have ranked sixth on the top-10 list of Travel MSN's most beautiful in the world.

"It's not about the look and the culture but the personality," said James Ho, president of International Top Model Corp.

"What really sets people apart is the inner beauty ... and that's what really counts. (Vancouver) women are very special ... It's a very unique area and the quality of (women) is very high."

The top 10 list includes Melbourne, Rio de Janeiro, Amsterdam, Singapore, Reykjavik (Iceland), Barcelona, New York, Tel Aviv and Buenos Aires.

"Vancouver women are very gentle, polite and graceful, and a lot of them have fine features and fine bone structure and that's what makes us unique," said Alexia Fast, a Vancouver model and actress.

"If you look at a Vancouver model like Coco Rocha, she's got distinguished (facial) features and she's a very nice, warm-hearted person."

Fast represented ITM at the New Silk Road Model Look China competition and finished second.

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It shouldn't take 14 years to reunite a family.

The Harper government claims to support family reunification for immigrants, but they have actually made it harder. A parent or grandparent could spend up to 14 years separated from their family.

And that's too long – especially for elderly relatives who may not have much time left. If this isn't happening to you, it is happening to someone you know. You can help reunite families sooner.

Vote for the candidate who supports family reunification in the upcoming federal election.

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Cops prepare to open vault

Recovered and unclaimed goods confiscated by Vancouver police set to be auctioned off Saturday
Stolen bikes constitute majority of items Several oddities may be of interest to deal seekers

This Saturday Vancouver residents will be getting deals so good, they should be considered criminal.

In a many cases, it's already been a crime.

Able Auctions hosts the Vancouver police recovered-goods auction at Riley Park Arena.

"It's all property that's been involved in an investigation, and the owner has never been identified," said Ian Wightman, manager of the VPD's property office.

The annual auction has become something of a tradition. People come to find great deals, especially on hundreds of bicycles.

It all begins at 10 a.m. Public previews will be held today and tomorrow.

MATT KIELTYKA

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

1

Bicycles

More than 350 bicycles are on the block, so there's something for everyone. It's not unusual to see bikes valued at thousands of dollars sold off for a fraction of the price.

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2

Maple syrup

Just to prove how random the police auction can be at times, here's some maple syrup. Police aren't sure why someone would want to steal syrup, but now it can be yours.

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3

Hockey gear

Just in time for the second round of the playoffs, why not pick up a Vancouver Canucks jersey? This lot also includes children's hockey gear and a small Team Canada Luongo jersey.

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4

Perfume

There's plenty available for the ladies. For example, there's this box full of perfumes. There's also a whole range of jewelry, including a diamond valued at $19,900.

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Golf clubs

An abundance of sports equipment is up for grabs. If playing golf isn't your thing, there's also a selection of snowboards available.

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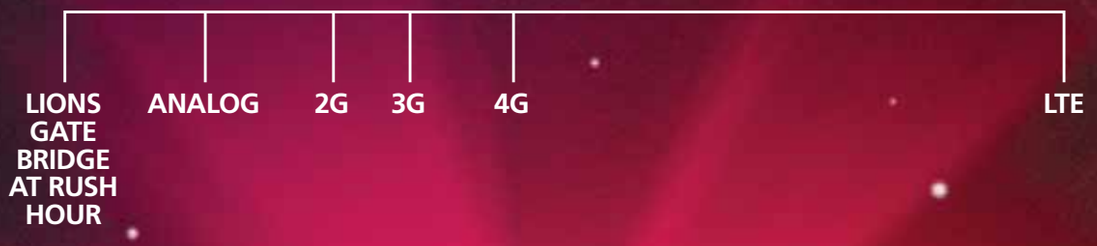

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GHOST APARTMENTS

VPD tells renters: Beware deposit scams

Vancouver Police are warning the public about several scams targeting would-be apartment renters.

The scam perpetrators often pose as landlords and ask for cash deposits or money transfers for rental suites the victims have not seen.

Det. Rick Stewart said the occurrence of these scams is on the rise, with 48 reported in 2009, 66 in 2010 and 12 so far in 2011.

He said renters need to do their due diligence and never rent a place they haven't seen.

Anyone suspicious of a person claiming to be a landlord is asked to call police.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

Click ... and mayor's expenses laid bare

The City of Vancouver has taken a big step toward transparency by announcing that the budget and expenses of Mayor Gregor Robertson and all of the city councillors will be posted on its website.

All expenses incurred by council while conducting city business are available online, under the city's Open Data and Open Standards policy.

Previously, these expenses could only be accessed through freedom of information requests.

MATT KIELTYKA

Car2go makes a smart stop in city

Vancouver selected as a Canadian first for new green car-sharing service More than 220 smart cars will be ready for the road in June

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A new environmentally friendly car-sharing service has driven its way to Vancouver with smart cars available at by-the-minute rental rates.

Daimler's car2go mobility service will deploy 225 smart cars in June. They are outfitted with telematics hardware and have a 100-watt solar roof.

"(Vancouver) has a modern, progressive, sustainable transportation network," said car2go CEO Nicholas Cole. "For us at car2go, it was an easy decision."

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▶ Car2go vehicles feature an onboard computer and a 100-watt solar roof.

Car2go vehicles provide "on-demand" transportation where members may use the vehicles as long as they want without having a specific return time or location. The $0.35 per minute rates include costs for fuel, insurance, maintenance, mileage and parking.

Mercedes-Benz Canada and its Vancouver retail group will provide the "car2go edition" vehicles.

"People already walk, cycle and take transit in Vancouver in record numbers for North America and car sharing has been rapidly adapted here ... so we see great promise in this convergence of technology of clean vehicles and the car-sharing concept," said Mayor Gregor Robertson.

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Meeting turns to massacre in Afghanistan

Afghan military pilot killed eight U.S. soldiers and one civilian Gunman had no ties to Taliban

A veteran Afghan military pilot said to be distressed over his personal finances opened fire at Kabul airport after an argument yesterday, killing eight U.S. troops and an American civilian contractor.

It was the deadliest episode of an Afghan turning against his coalition partners. The veteran military pilot was killed during the attack and five Afghan soldiers were injured.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said all nine of those killed by the pilot were Americans. The Afghan Defence Ministry said the pilot fired on the Americans after an argument in the Afghan Air Corps at Kabul airport.

20 The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the gunman was impersonating an army officer. But the Defence Ministry said the gunman was an Afghan military pilot of 20 years.

"Suddenly, in the middle of the meeting, shooting started," said Afghan Air Corps spokesman Col. Bahader, who uses only one name. "After the shooting started, we saw a number of Afghan army officers and soldiers running out of the building. Some were even throwing themselves out of the windows to get away."

Dr. Mohammad Hassan Sahibi, the brother of the shooter, said his brother had been battling financial troubles. But Sahibi said his brother had no ties to insurgents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil. Aflame

▶ An Afghan policeman leads a firefighter out of the scene of a burning NATO fuel tanker yesterday.

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NATO fuel tanker targeted

A bomb planted underneath a tanker carrying fuel for the NATO forces exploded on Jalalabad-Kabul highway, east of Kabul, Afghanistan. Police officials said there were no casualties.

Learning from past

The American-led war in Afghanistan is heading toward an outcome similar to the disastrous Soviet invasion three decades ago, a new academic analysis concludes.

In a paper to be published in the Foreign Policy Review Institute, the authors argue the NATO coalition is repeating the same mistakes that led to heavy bloodshed and the ultimate withdrawal of the Soviet military.

"The Soviet experience shows us the painful mistakes of the past, and we ignore those mistakes at our peril," the authors say.

The analysis concludes the U.S. and its allies have three choices: Declare victory and leave, settle in for a long-protracted attempt at nation-building that will likely fail, or focus narrowly on counter-terrorism.

The authors, Larry Goodson, a professor of Middle East studies at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Penn., and Thomas Johnson, a research professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey Calif., have long studied Afghanistan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More politicos than romantics in Canada

A spike in media coverage may have boosted interest in the royal wedding One in five Canadians will watch

What would Canadians rather watch — aspiring prime ministers swapping barbs, or a glamorous royal couple exchanging vows?

A pair of recent surveys suggest Canada's political leaders may come out on top.

A poll assessing national interest in the upcoming royal wedding suggests about 40 per cent of Canadians have been making plans to watch Prince William and Kate Middleton tie the knot tomorrow.

The poll found 19 per cent of Canadians said they were very likely to watch the royal nuptials on television, with an additional 20 per cent saying they were somewhat likely to tune in.

About 15 per cent of Canadians said they were somewhat unlikely to watch the wedding, while 44 per cent said they were very unlikely to do so.

Impressive as those figures may seem for an event in the early morning hours across the country, they fall short of the 51 per cent that declared their intention of watching the English-language election debate that was on TV earlier this month.

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Age, sex, location?

Interest in the royal wedding varies among demos.

- **Female** Twenty-six per cent of women plan to watch the ceremony, compared to 11 per cent of men.
- **Youth** Those over the age of 50 are more likely to watch (30 per cent) compared to just six per cent of those 18 to 34.
- **Region** In Quebec, 52 per cent of survey respondents said they were very unlikely to watch the festivities.

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▶ A bookie takes bets outside Westminster Abbey yesterday. Interest in the royal wedding may be low among Canadian youth, but in London, spectators of all ages are gathering around the route that Prince William and Kate Middleton will take tomorrow.

Layton eyes 24 Sussex as NDP surges in polls

Election 2011

One says Sussex Drive, the other Stornoway.

Jack Layton and Stephen Harper don't agree, naturally, on where the NDP leader ought to be after Monday's vote — running the country or leading the official Opposition.

But the very fact they're talking seriously about such things, once laughably unlikely, now forehead-slappingly possible, shows just how utterly on its ear the federal campaign has been turned.

Layton nearly brought the house down yesterday with a well-worn bit of dare-to-dream campaign rhetoric.

"As your prime minister," he began, only to be drowned out by a deafening chorus of partisan cheering. "Sounds like you like that phrase," he grinned mischievously.

Beaming, Layton tried it again, and the cheering got louder every time.

Harper, campaigning in Waterloo, Ont., painted Layton as an inexperienced opposition leader who would seek to topple the Tories should they be denied a majority.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, drill screws into hockey boards at a factory in Waterloo, Ont., yesterday.

NDP jump

Recent opinion polls suggest the NDP leads the Liberals, and Tory majority may be beyond reach.

- Ekos Research had the NDP at 28.1 per cent, in second place behind the Conservatives at 34 per cent.
- Liberals languish at 22.9 per cent, while the Bloc and Green are at 6.6 and 6.5 per cent, respectively.

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Yes - We - Can prove Obama was born in U.S.

President Obama says 'sideshows and carnival barkers' distract from real problems the country is facing

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▶ Barack Obama

The White House attempted yesterday to put to rest a stubborn conspiracy theory gripping the imaginations of suspicious-minded conservatives by releasing U.S. President Barack Obama's long-form birth certificate.

Like the shorter version of the document released in 2008 by the Obama campaign as he ran for president, this one, too, certifies he was born in August 1961 in the state of Hawaii, meaning he's eligible to be president.

"Over the last two and a half years, I have watched with bemusement; I have been puzzled at the degree to which this thing just kept on going," Obama, smiling at first, told a White House briefing as he outlined the many initiatives made during that time period that proved he was born in Hawaii.

He then grew more serious, complaining that the so-called birther issue was getting more attention than the grave matters facing the nation.

"We do not have time for this kind of silliness," Obama said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Palestinians agree to form single government

Rival West Bank and Gaza representatives to reunite ◐ Israel rejects plan

Palestinians have reached an initial agreement on reuniting their rival governments in the West Bank and Gaza, officials from both sides said yesterday, a step that would remove a main obstacle in the way of peace efforts with Israel.

Even before the agreement was to be signed, key questions about how to unify rival security forces remained unsolved. Israel immediately rejected the prospect of a Palestinian government including Hamas, and the U.S. expressed similar concerns.

Fatah and Hamas officials said the plan, brokered by Egypt, calls for the formation of a single caretaker government in the coming days. The government would administer day-to-day business until elections are held in exactly one year.

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Dalai Lama's replacement chosen

A Harvard legal scholar, Lobsang Sangay, has been elected the next prime minister of Tibet's government-in-exile, officials announced yesterday, paving the way for new leadership in the Tibetan community as the Dalai Lama gives up political power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Lobsang Sangay arrives to cast his vote in Dharamsala, India.

Controlling the numbers

China will maintain the strict family-planning policy it imposed a generation ago to keep the birth rate low and the economy growing, President Hu Jintao said in remarks before new census data are released.

But demographers who have been advocating changes to the country's so-called one-child policy responded to Hu's speech with counter-intuitive optimism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Space shuttle Endeavour and her crew of six astronauts is scheduled to lift off tomorrow afternoon on a 14-day mission to the international space station.

Blasting off for its last mission

Astronauts prepare to make history Tomorrow the team takes shuttle Endeavour on last flight into space

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords left hospitals behind yesterday for the first time since her tragic shooting nearly four months ago and travelled to NASA territory for the space shuttle launch with her husband, Commander Mark Kelly, at the helm.

"Gabby is looking forward to some time away from the rehab centre and the chance to see Captain Mark Kelly launch again!" Giffords' staff posted on her Facebook page.

Space shuttle Endeavour is due to blast off tomorrow afternoon. It will be Endeavour's final voyage after 19 years of spaceflight, as the shuttle era nears the end.

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▶ Ben Smith, Air Canada's chief commercial officer, shows a Bombardier Q400 aircraft yesterday at Pierre Trudeau airport in Montreal.

Express service takes wing

Air Canada resumes Montreal-Toronto flights
Aims to elbow in on rivals Porter, WestJet

Air Canada's rebranding of its regional service is set to take flight Sunday with the launch of Air Canada Express service between Montreal and Billy Bishop Toronto City airport.

Sky Regional will begin contracted service with five slightly used Q400 aircraft. But the fleet of 120 Jazz planes owned by Chorus Aviation will gradually get new colours as they come in for maintenance, as will the 15 new Bombardier Q400s on order.

Non-unionized Sky Regional is one of several small carriers that have contracts with Canada's largest airline. Ben Smith, Air Canada's chief commercial officer, said bookings for the new service are running as planned. About 60 per cent of passengers are expected to be corporate customers.

To compete with Porter Airlines, also based at Toronto island airport, the new service will offer food. And passengers will have the flexibility to fly into the island airport, but out of Pearson International.

In addition to creating a unified regional service, Air Canada is looking at the viability of a low-cost carrier and is holding discussions with its labour unions.

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Market moment

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LTE NETWORKS

Rogers pulls a fast one

Rogers Communications Inc. will roll out an even faster wireless network this year to serve its mobile phone and laptop users, beating rival Telus in the race to have the fastest network.

Long-Term Evolution networks, which are coming into use globally, offer mobile users the equivalent of a home or office Internet connection. LTE service is three to four times faster than Rogers' existing network, chief executive Nadir Mohamed told an annual shareholder meeting yesterday in Toronto.

Vancouver-based Telus will introduce its own LTE network next year. Montreal-based Bell has announced it's also testing the technology but hasn't said when it will launch its network.

LTE is expected to reach Canada's Top 25 markets by the end of 2012. Devices that run on LTE networks are just starting to be sold to consumers.

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SOUNDING OFF ON MOVIEGOERS

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

It's time for summer movie season, where the action is fast, the sound is explosive, and the people are idiots.

I used to see lots of movies in public during the summer months. But then I realized the public will be there, so I stopped. Way too many of my memorable movie-going experiences have nothing to do with the film.

Consider:

Life Is Beautiful: Two elderly women could not keep up with the subtitles, largely because they were reading them out loud. When there was a time jump after a love scene, they expressed confusion about where the amorous couple had found a young boy.

The Blair Witch Project: A young woman sitting behind me talked in equal measure about how scared she was and how she had absolutely no idea what was going on. At one point, she saw that one of the characters had a rip in his jeans and squealed, "What does it mean?!"

Contact: The movie starts with a long, beautiful shot of the noiseless vacuum of outer space, which led people throughout the theatre to yell, "Something's wrong with the sound! Hello? HELLO?!"

People like this used to make me angry, but I have recently realized it's not their fault. The fault lies with our whole attitude toward blockbuster movies, especially during the summer season of "event" films, which are required by law to contain a constant mix of bosoms, explosions, and/or zombies.

"Why would anyone want to make themselves willfully stupid? It's ridiculous but everybody thinks it's OK, which is why movie theatres hold so many blatherers, cellphone users and seat tappers."

Most of these movies suck, but if you say that, then somebody will inevitably say, "Just turn your brain off and enjoy it." I hate that.

Watching a bad movie must be the only human endeavour where dumbing yourself down is considered acceptable. Imagine if you were eating spoiled lasagna and a friend said, "Just turn your brain off and revert to a dog-like state where the meat causes you joy."

Why would anyone want to make themselves willfully stupid? It's ridiculous but everybody thinks it's OK, which is why movie theatres hold so many blatherers, cellphone users and seat tappers.

I see now that these are all normal people — who during their day-to-day lives have minds and manners and children who love them — but who during movies "turn off their brains" so they can enjoy the ride.

And that's why I avoid seeing blockbusters in public. Because if I didn't, I might become the next summer-movie mindless zombie. If that ever happens to me, you know what to do ...

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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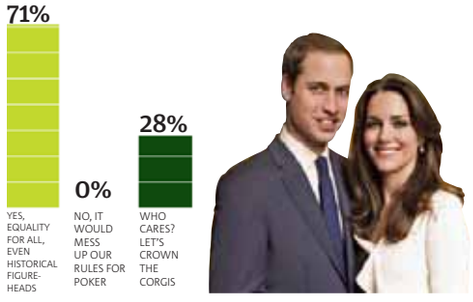
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Local tweets

- **@Dave Preece:** Sat in the ER with an injured shoulder ... #TowelPower RT @vancouvermetro: How did you celebrate Alex Burrows overtime goal last night?
- **@Nancy Lovering:** I started breathing again, lol RT @vancouvermetro How did you celebrate Alex Burrows overtime goal last night?
- **@Nick:** Had a party! RT @vancouvermetro How did you celebrate Alex Burrows overtime goal last night?
- **@sincy12:** I don't think the people staying in my toronto hotel last night were thrilled with me screaming at 1am when the Canucks scored! #round2
- **@_amanbains:** I don't think I would mind it at all if Summer showed up on my doorstep early.
- **@littlemissrisk:** A guy at the coffee shop told me that I looked like a modern Morticia Addams and that he said he wished he could be Gomez. Thanks, stranger!
- **@TypicalPaje:** I shouldn't still be wearing a peacoat in late April! #vancouver

Letters

Re: Breaking up ain't hard (metronews.ca)

OTTAWA. As a young woman living in Ottawa Centre, I was personally insulted by the comments made by Helen Friel (Ottawa-Centre Conservative candidate Damian Konstantinakos' campaign office manager), in which she suggested that women dislike Stephen Harper simply because we don't find him "charming."

It is exactly this patronizing mentality demonstrated by the Conservative party that deters women such as myself from supporting them.

I feel that Friel's comments imply that women lack the capacity to make rational informed decisions, a stereotype that women have been fighting for years — a fight that has perhaps become more difficult since the Harper government cut funding for women's advocacy by 43 per cent.

Other cuts have included the closing of 12 out of 16 Status of Women offices, and the scrapping of our progressive Court Challenges program.

Yeah, I guess we don't find those things "charming." **GLENNYS EGAN**

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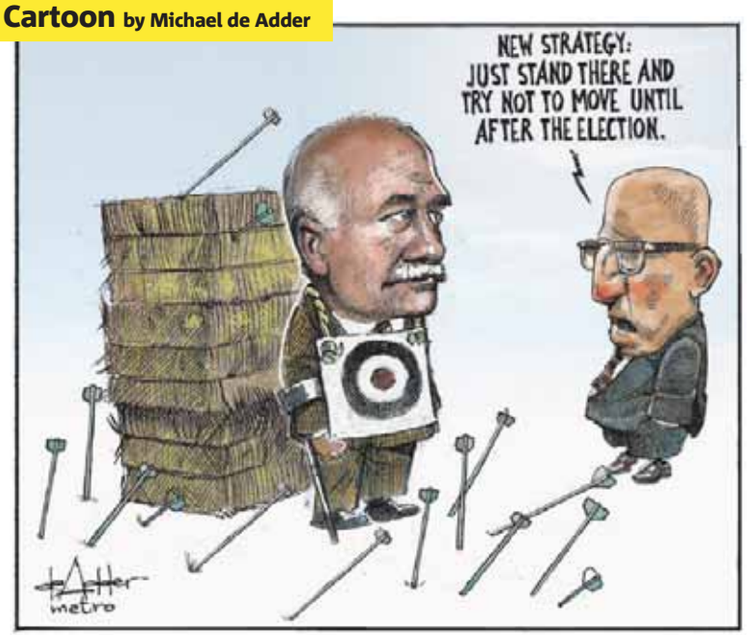

WEIRD NEWS

Her golden locks needed protection

Romanians are known to be security conscious, but when the parliament speaker was accompanied by six security officers funded by the taxpayer to the hairdresser, some considered it too much.

Click, a daily newspaper, reported yesterday that Roberta Anastase was guarded by six officers who waited for her outside the hairdresser's during a recent three-hour appointment.

Roberta Anastase

Anastase, who was crowned Miss Romania in 1994, is the third most important person in the Romanian state hierarchy and is legally entitled to around-the-clock security, the Romanian parliament said, responding to the article.

Political commentator Cristian Teodorescu questioned whether Anastase needs 17 guards, which are tasked for her around-the-clock protection.

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Here comes your band: The Pixies

Legendary rock band descends on Vancouver Doolittle Tour sees the band playing more comfortably together and less disharmony

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Few bands could release just four albums from 1988 to 1991 and still sell-out gigs two decades later. But the Pixies — known as much for disharmony between its members than for the seminal music they produced together — are doing it right now on the Doolittle tour.

So what is it about this band's music that still resonates with so many?

"It's just puzzling," says affable guitarist Joey Santiago with a laugh. "When our manager tells us we got another great review, we're always like, 'What the f—k? Can we do anything wrong?'

"We're just lucky," he adds. "We've got that very rare chemistry. It just clicks."

That might be an understatement. British magazine NME declared Doolittle — the 1989 album on which this current tour is based — the second-best album of all time. Which is arguably an overstatement. But one thing's for sure: Doolittle did a lot.

And the band, demonstrably, is getting along again. But Santiago says that, while some things change, other things never do. "I still get nervous before a show. I always think I'm going to forget something. I go out there and look like a deer in headlights.

"But we're playing a lot tighter. And when we make mistakes, we don't beat each other up anymore and point them out."

So what about a new album?

"Who knows?" he says. "We'll see how it goes."

The Pixies play two sold-out shows at the Orpheum next Tuesday and Wednesday night.

Hot tickets

- **Fleet-footed Foxes:** You'll have to be quick to catch the Fleet Foxes in Vancouver. The folk-rock act is performing Friday and Saturday night at the Vogue Theatre on Granville Street. Sold out but tickets available at Stub Hub.
- **Happy Ramadanman:** Check out British producer Ramadanman, fairly fresh off his appearance at Coachella. He's playing at Five Sixty (560 Seymour St.) tonight. Visit fivesixty.ca for more information.

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▶ The Pixies are set to rock the Orpheum next Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Scene in brief

Steven Tyler says he wasn't the only Aerosmith member who was abusing drugs in recent years. In an interview with Rolling Stone, Tyler says he and Joe Perry did drugs together in 2008 after years of sobriety. Aerosmith had been working on a new album that never developed.

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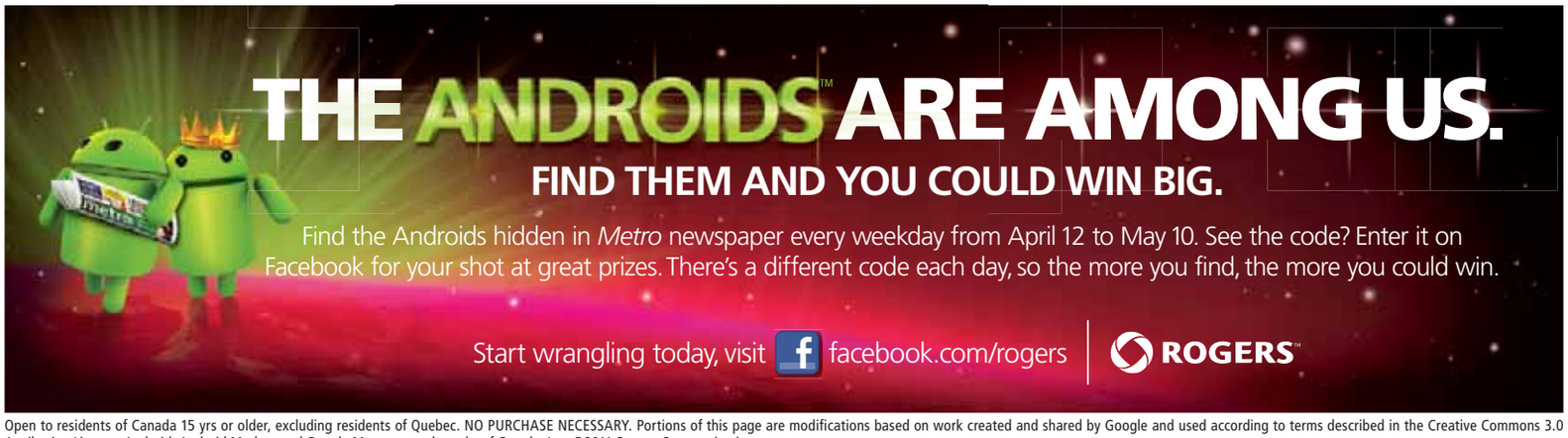
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▶ Lindsay Lohan

Lohan remorseful for mistakes over the years

With a 120-day jail sentence looming, Lindsay Lohan is owning up to her past mistakes and hoping to turn her life around.

"I've made a lot of poor decisions in the past and I'm dealing with the consequences of those decisions," she said during an interview with Jay Leno. "I know that I have to work to gain the respect back and I'm willing to do the work that I have to do to follow through with being an actress because that's what I love."

But more than anything, she wishes the public would focus on her work more than her troubles.

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▶ Daniel Radcliffe

Harry afraid of playing Harry

There is one thing that seriously scares Daniel Radcliffe: playing Harry Potter again.

The actor panicked last October when series author J.K. Rowling told Oprah Winfrey she could write more books about the boy wizard.

"I was worried! I texted her. I said, 'Look, is this true? Are you writing another book?'" he tells Celebuzz. "She wrote back that she was so pleased with my performance in Harry Potter 7: Part 1 that as a reward, she promised to never write another book about Harry." METRO

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Since her engagement to Prince William, the pressure has grown on Kate Middleton to become a style superstar But is she really ready to be a trendsetter?

Is Kate Middleton a fashion icon?

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

Look back at the evolution of Kate's style over the past nine years or so, it's clear that her appearance hasn't changed much. She's developed a personal style that works for her: tall boots with classic straight-leg jeans, tall boots with feminine dresses that respectably trace the curves or tall boots with pretty skirt suits. Her newer clothes may look more expensive and regal, but her trademarks endure. No extreme makeovers here.

It remains to be seen whether Kate will take up the challenge to become Britain's sartorial ambassador. It's technically not part of a First Lady's job description to promote the fashion industry. But if she does, she'll need someone in her corner to help her navigate the minefield of worst-dressed lists and discriminating editors. Then again, with rumors persisting that Middleton will wear Alexander McQueen on her wedding day, maybe she's already found that person.

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Bold beginnings
Kate Middleton models on the catwalk at a student fashion show attended by Prince William, on March, 26, 2002 in St. Andrews, Scotland.

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Pretty in peacock
Kate smiles as she visits Greenmount Agricultural College on March 8, 2011 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

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Burberry Brit
Kate attends Harry Meade & Rosie Bradford's wedding at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul on October 23, 2010 in Northleach near Cheltenham, England.

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She loves her lavender
Kate attends the wedding of Nicholas van Cutsem and Alice at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on August 14, 2009 in London, England

3 life

Barbie Girl

Meet the new Catherine Middleton doll! Unlike many of the other gifts cashing in on monarchy mania, this children's toy has some winning features like the glossy mane of hair, Issa style dress, the fascinator... It's very Kate-like and she's fashionably thin! **RICHARD PECKETT**

Royal bride Kate Middleton can look at previous UK royal gowns for inspiration.

Refreshing vegetarian soup-and-salad combo

Moroccan Vegetable Soup is packed with tomatoes, sweet potatoes, spinach, chick peas and more The Greek salad adds quinoa for a twist

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Serve this vegetarian soup with crusty bread.

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This Moroccan Vegetable Soup is the perfect vegetarian dish to serve on a cool spring night. Traditionally finished with a spoonful of harissa, a spicy North African chili sauce, the soup can also be heated up with a few dashes of hot sauce if you like.

Preparation:

1. In large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion, parsnips and sweet potato; sauté about 5 minutes or until slightly softened. Stir in garlic, ginger, coriander, cumin, paprika, salt, pepper and cayenne.
2. Add tomatoes and broth; cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 20 minutes or until parsnips and sweet potato are tender.
3. In blender or with immersion blender, puree soup as smooth as you like. Return to pan. Add chickpeas and heat through, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in spinach until wilted.

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Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 parsnips, chopped
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) coriander
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each ground cumin, paprika and salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each pepper and cayenne
- 1 can (28 oz/796 mL) diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 4 cups (1 L) vegetable broth
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) baby spinach, stems removed

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Greek Quinoa Salad

Quinoa, which is dubbed "the mother grain" for its nutritional qualities, is featured in this version of Greek salad.

Because quinoa contains more protein than any other grain, it's particularly suitable for children who need the molecule for growth and performance.

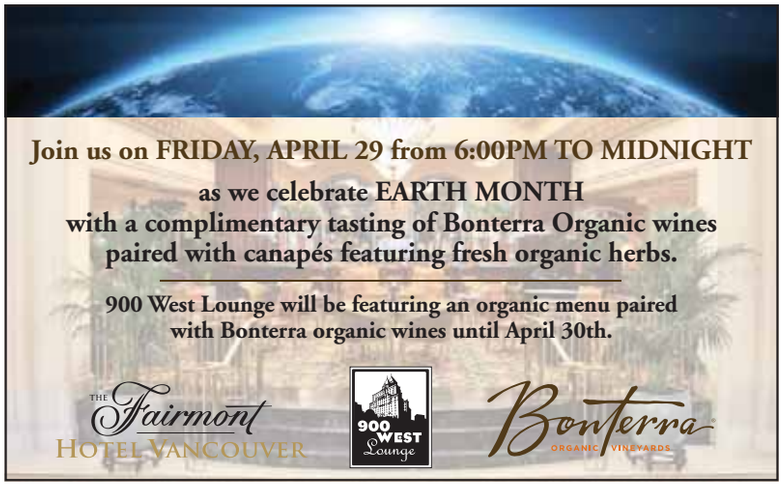
Quinoa is also higher in unsaturated fats and lower in carbohydrates than most grains and provides a rich and balanced source of vitamins.

Preparation:

1. Place quinoa in mesh sieve and rinse well under running water; drain and set aside.
2. In pot, bring broth to a boil and add quinoa. Stir, reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 20 minutes or until broth is absorbed. Fluff with fork into bowl. Add tomatoes, pepper, cucumber and parsley.
3. In bowl, whisk oil, vinegar and garlic. Drizzle over quinoa and vegetables. Season with salt and sprinkle with feta cheese. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CASBAH QUINOA**

Ingredients:

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) quinoa
- 750 ml (3 cups) vegetable broth
- 1 container grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 sweet yellow pepper, chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) English cucumber, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- Salt, to taste
- Crumbled feta cheese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Side dish gone spicy

This Sausage and Corn Dressing side dish can be made ahead on the weekend in your slow cooker for weeknight suppers.

Preparation:

1. Lightly spray a 3.5- to 4.5-l slow cooker with cooking spray.
2. Heat skillet over medium-high heat. Add sausage and cook until browned. Transfer sausage to slow cooker. Add onion, pepper and celery to sausage drippings in skillet; cook, stirring, until vegetables begin to wilt. Transfer vegetable mix to slow cooker and stir.
3. Add mushroom soup and broth to skillet; whisk to blend. Add remaining ingredients and stir until stuffing mix and corn are moistened. Pour over sausage mix and stir to combine. Cover and cook on high for 3 1/2 hours.

Ingredients:

- 250 g (8 oz) sausage
- 250 ml (1 cup) each chopped onion, red bell pepper and celery
- 1 can (284 ml/10 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) chicken broth
- 1 pkg (165 g/6 oz) corn bread stuffing mix
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 250 ml (1 cup) frozen corn

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A taste of Florida: sweet sticky orange chicken

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▶ This sweet and sticky casserole will serve four.

This Sticky Sweet Orange Chicken uses flavour-rich chicken thighs with Asian ingredients to give it zip. Meanwhile, the orange juice mix provides a great texture to the meal. It's perfect for week-nights.

Preparation:

1 In bowl, combine garlic, parsley, Italian herb seasoning and pepper. Add chicken thighs and oil and toss well to coat chicken evenly.

2 Heat large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat and brown chicken on both sides; place in an ovenproof casserole dish and set aside.

3 In small bowl, whisk together orange juice, honey, vinegar, soy sauce and cornstarch.

4 Return skillet to medium-high heat; add orange juice mix and bring to a simmer, stirring. Pour over chicken and place in a 200 C (400 F) oven for about 15 minutes or until chicken cooks. THE CANADIAN PRESS/FLORIDA ORANGE JUICE

Ingredients:

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 2 tsp (10 mL) Italian herb seasoning
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) black pepper
- 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 750 g/1 1/2 lb)
- 2 tsp (10 mL) canola oil
- 1 cup (250 mL) 100% pure orange juice
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Wallpaper is back in vogue

Latest papers are more durable, washable and easier to remove • Rich colours, metallic sheens are hot

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I am old enough to remember my aunt's dining room with red flocked-velvet wallpaper — how I loved to go to her house and touch the velvety walls.

I am also old enough to remember going to her house as a young man and helping to remove that wallpaper. I remember thinking to myself that after all the spraying and scraping in the summer heat, I would never put up wallpaper ever again in my lifetime.

They say what goes around comes around and I guess that holds true even with awful things like flocked wall coverings.

Wallpaper is coming back in vogue again and there have been some substantial improvements; papers are more durable, washable and much easier to remove to change our walls with the latest fashion of the day.

Just like when I was a boy, velvet wallpapers, beautiful, rich colours and metallic sheens are emerging as trends again. Somehow, they're looking a bit fresher and more fashionable than I remember.

Special paint primers help create better adhesion from paper to wall and allow the paper to be removed more easily, without damage to the wall surface below. Choose a primer that matches your preference of using oil or latex paints on your walls.

When measuring for wallpaper, remember that you should always buy 20 per cent more than what you measure for. This will allow for matching up patterns and making sure you have a tiny bit extra.

Removing wallpaper from a properly primed wall is quite easy. When working with a paper wall covering you can spray on a special solution to soften the paper and loosen the glue; the paper should peel off easily.

If working with a vinyl covering or a wall that has not been properly primed, a small tool that perforates the paper will help get the solution in behind and loosen the glue. Within just a few minutes, the paper should be ready to peel off the walls.

There's an old designer secret to making smaller spaces appear visually larger: Add larger prints to fabrics, drapes, art and rugs (items that don't take up any physical space in a room). The larger print gives great impact.

The big trend in wallpaper right now is large prints for impact, but beware — most of the prints are overscaled traditional designs that help mock the tinier patterns of years gone by.

Where to use wallpaper:

Front foyer: Go bold and dark. Wall coverings with shine, texture and strong colours add impact to a small entrance space. Hang a large mirror and add a show-stopper hanging light and you'll have all the drama you need.

Behind a headboard: Go light or dark depending on the overall decor of the room. A focal wall of paper will make the bed look more important and add pattern or colour that you might have been afraid to choose in the headboard, bedding or draperies. If your overall look is light and airy, then choose a paper that blends and vice versa.

Small dens or guest rooms: Be dramatic and cover all four walls to create an infinite look to the room. Paint the ceiling the same background colour as the wallpaper to make the room feel larger. If matching fabric is available, upholster the furniture to create a seamless designer look with wallpaper, paint and fabric.

Side projects

- **Wallpaper** the front of dresser drawers with leftover wallpaper to create a custom look in a room.
- **Wallpaper** a boring slab door with a large-scale, punchy-coloured paper to help add vertical art to a neutral room.
- **Add wallpaper** to the inside of a china cabinet or closet. Use bright colours, such as orange or fuchsia, to add a pop of surprise and wake up your tired china and crystal.

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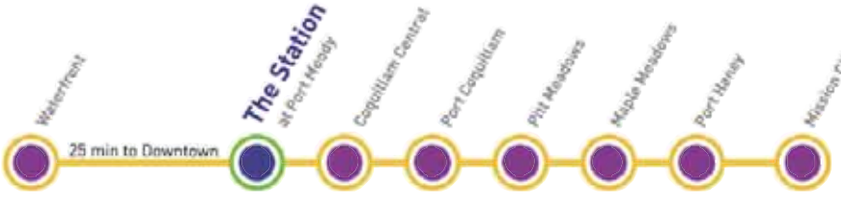

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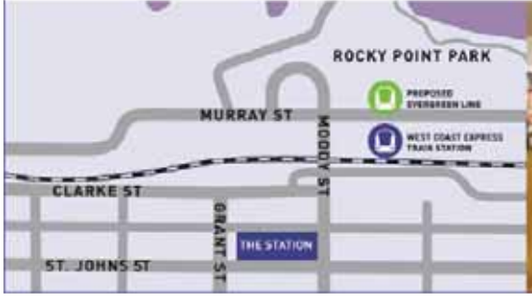

Forget about carnations

This Mother's Day, impress her with gifts from the garden – from hanging vases to botanical dishware

For a lot of moms, the urge to nurture extends to plants and flowers. So for Mother's Day, instead of getting her a traditional floral arrangement that lasts just a few days, consider other options for or from the garden.

If mom spends some of her happiest hours in her backyard garden, you might sign her up for Plantjotter.com's online organizer. With no special downloads or software required, the site allows gardeners to create a personalized web page with info about what they've planted, to-do schedules, photos and wish lists. Monthly tips and ideas are offered specific to your grow zone.

HGTV.com has started an interactive family gardening club: Each month, there's a new how-to project, such as building terrariums, pizza gardens or topiaries, which parents and kids can do together. You can upload video and photos, and get a biweekly newsletter.

Or add accents to mom's garden. At Uncommongoods.com, find Tyson Weissin's charming Koi fish ceramic garden ornaments. Fired in several colours including cobalt blue, a school of these placed along a pathway or nestled among some grasses would be quite arresting.

This spring, West Elm introduced Shane Powers' no-maintenance, indoor garden collection, perfect for a modern mom with little time or inclination to tend plants but who enjoys a few touches of nature in her living space. Hanging glass bubble vases and ceramic vessels hold plants such as air ferns, water lilies and succulents.

If mom loves cut flowers, consider PlantationDesign.com's set of Amaretto vases, formed out of deliciously liqueur-like glass swirls. Crate & Barrel has the Evelyn vase, made of softly folded glass, as well as Millie, Kiki and Marisol, all hand-etched with charming designs. Also find a quartet of green, enamelled, bird-motif wall tiles, nice on a patio fence.

Sur la Table has a fresh-looking Botanical dishware collection out this spring that features a happy, modern floral pattern on snowy-white ceramic.

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Sourcebook

- **uncommongoods.com** Koi fish garden markers, $95
- **surlatable.com** Botanical collection, $6.89-$13.89
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Wall mounting is a great way to get your home theatre looking fabulous.

DIY IDEAS

Thinking of mounting your flat-screen LCD, LED, plasma or 3-D TV on the wall?

Wall mounting is a great way to get your home theatre looking fabulous, and it's an easy do-it-yourself project that can be done in just a couple of hours.

Here are the basics of a typical mount installation project.

1. Select a location on the wall where you want the TV to hang. Mounting a TV at eye level will help to avoid neck and eye strain.

2. Use a stud finder to locate wood studs in the wall.

3. Attach the mount to the back of your TV using the holes provided by the TV manufacturer.

4. Pre-drill holes into the wall studs using the mount's wall plate as a guide. Secure the wall plate to the studs.

Note: If your walls are concrete or brick, insert a concrete anchor into each drill hole until it's flush with the wall.

If your wall has metal studs, ask the mount maker if they offer adapter kits — most do.

5. Attach the mount (with the TV attached) to the wall plate.

Your installation may have slightly different requirements.

Remember to follow the manufacturer's directions for proper mount installation.

For help selecting a compatible wall mount for your TV, ask your local electronics retailer for their suggestion.

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To match a Predator

Scott Rintoul looks at how Vancouver's squad stacks up against Nashville's as the Canucks and Predators prepare to open the second round of the playoffs tonight

Canucks: Forwards

After starting slowly, Ryan Kesler and Alex Burrows sprung to life at the end of the Chicago series, while Daniel and Henrik Sedin did the exact opposite. Daniel and Burrows accounted for eight of the eleven goals scored by Canucks forwards last round.

Predators: Forwards

The Predators appear to be the No Name brand of NHL forwards, but the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Every Predators forward registered at least a point in Round 1, led by Mike Fisher with six points in six games.

Edge: Canucks

The Canucks get the edge based on resumés, but any lack of respect for Nashville's group may result in goals against. The Preds should get a big boost from the return of Martin Erat, who was the team co-leader in points this season.

Canucks: Defencemen

Arguably the deepest group in the NHL, Vancouver's blue-line was very good in five of the seven games in Round 1. Quick puck movement in their own zone will be of paramount importance given Nashville's relentless forecheckers.

Predators: Defencemen

Norris favourite Shea Weber and fellow Olympian Ryan Suter might be the best defensive pairing in the league. Plenty of Vancouver connections on the back-end: Former Canuck Shane O'Brien and former Giants Cody Franson and Jonathan Blum fill three of the other four spots.

Edge: Even

Over 82 games, Nashville allowed only nine more goals than Vancouver. The Canucks' depth and experience is partially negated by the fact that Weber and Suter will play nearly half of every game.

Canucks: Goalies

Having slain the dragon known as Chicago, Roberto Luongo must now clear his next hurdle: The second round. Luongo has never backstopped the Canucks to the NHL's frozen four, but this is certainly his best opportunity to do so.

Predators: Goalies

Like Luongo, Pekka Rinne is a finalist for the Vezina trophy, which is annually awarded to the NHL's top goalie. Rinne appeared shaky at times during Round 1, but he was brilliant versus Vancouver this season, allowing just five goals in four games.

Edge: Canucks

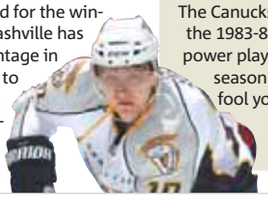
The Canucks get the nod based on experience, rest and depth. Luongo has played 41 career playoff games to Rinne's 12, all of which have been in the first round. Rinne has started 35 of Nashville's last 36 games, and should either goalie falter, Corey Schneider is a better backup plan than Anders Lindback.

Canucks: Special teams

The NHL's top power-play unit during the regular season (24.3 per cent) is clicking at nearly the same pace in the post-season (22.2 per cent). The Canucks allowed an uncharacteristic six power-play goals to the Blackhawks last round, after boasting the NHL's second-ranked penalty kill over 82 games.

Predators: Special teams

The Predators power play hibernated for the winter, but has come alive in spring. Nashville has scored six goals with the man advantage in the playoffs, but allowed Anaheim to score on eight of 22 power plays in the first round. The Preds had a top-five penalty kill during the regular season.



Edge: Canucks

The Canucks nearly became the first team since the 1983-84 Islanders to lead the NHL in both power play and penalty kill during the regular season. Don't let the first-round numbers fool you — the Canucks would love for this to be a series decided on special teams.

With first-round drama done, focus shifts to Preds

While many people in this hockey-frenzied city were still talking about what the Vancouver Canucks had done, the players were focusing yesterday on what they need to accomplish next.

Beating the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 in the overtime of a thrilling Game 7 Tuesday night brought a sense of joy and relief to Vancouver. There won't be much time to bask in the bliss as the Canucks begin their Western Conference semifinal series against the Nashville Predators tonight at Rogers Arena (CBC, 6 p.m.).

"We have a tough opponent coming in and we are going to get ready for that."
ROBERTO LUONGO

"Our ultimate goal was not to win Round 1," said goaltender Roberto Luongo. "We are going to go as far as we can.

The Predators have been resting since eliminating the Anaheim Ducks in six games Sunday. It's the first time in the team's 13-year history that Nashville has advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

Canucks coach Alain Vigneault isn't worried about his team being emotionally and physically drained after their roller-coaster series against Chicago.

"The Chicago series was a tough one, both physically and mentally," said Vigneault. "I think the best thing for us is to get right back at it."

The date for Game 2 of the best-of-seven series has not been announced by the league.

The Canucks won the Presidents' Trophy for having the best record in the NHL. Vancouver finished 18 points ahead of the Predators, who were the fifth-place team in the West.

There will be a change of pace playing the Predators. The series against Chicago was like a NASCAR race. Playing Nashville will be more like a tractor pull.

Nashville plays a grinding, physical game. They bring a relentless forecheck; have a punishing defence in Norris Trophy finalist Shea Weber and Ryan Suter; and a goaltender in Pekka Rinne who is capable of stealing games.

The Canucks led the league by allowing just 185 goals during the season. The Predators were next at 194. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"It's nice being nominated again. Saying that, there is only one trophy on my mind right now."
RYAN KESLER AFTER BEING ANNOUNCED AS A FINALIST FOR THE SELKE TROPHY YESTERDAY, ALONG WITH DETROIT'S PAVEL DATSYUK AND CHICAGO'S JONATHAN TOEWS. THE AWARD HONOURS THE NHL'S BEST DEFENSIVE FORWARD.

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▶ Mike Gillis

Gillis fined for referee comments

Vancouver Canucks general manager Mike Gillis has been fined by the NHL for complaining about the officiating in his team's first-round playoff series against the Chicago Blackhawks.

The NHL confirmed the fine yesterday in an email to The Canadian Press. The league would not say how much Gillis's comments cost him.

On Monday, Gillis blamed the referees for the Canucks being forced to play a Game 7 against Chicago. He said more penalties had been called against the Canucks than the Hawks in the series.

He was also angry Chicago's Bryan Bickell wasn't assessed a penalty for a hit he made on Vancouver defenceman Kevin Bieksa during overtime of Game 6.

The Canucks defeated the defending Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks 2-1 in overtime Tuesday night to win the Western Conference quarter-final series.

Vancouver plays the Nashville Predators in the Western Conference semifinal starting tonight at Rogers Arena (CBC, 6 p.m.).

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Gotta lose some to win

- A cathartic win over the Hawks was a huge first step
- But the truly challenging hockey is likely still ahead

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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Well that was close, wasn't it? The Canucks came back from the brink of what would have been the most disappointing season in team history and turned Game 7 into a rallying point to begin Round 2.

Every team that wins the Stanley Cup goes through some adversity first. The Oilers dynasty teams only came to be after Wayne Gretzky and Co. were defeated by the previous powerhouse New York Islanders. More recently, the Pittsburgh Penguins won their Cup only after being knocked out by the Detroit Red Wings.

So, with Chicago out of the way, are the Canucks now destined for the Stanley Cup? Not so fast. While they are still the top seed in the West and that cannot be taken away from them, the Canucks will face some incredible challenges just to get out of the conference.

"Do they enter Round 2 on a high, or do they come in overly confident against a lesser opponent, having just beaten their arch-nemesis and defending champions?"

First, let's start with the Nashville Predators. The Music City men won't beat you with offensive flair, but if they catch you napping, they'll jump all over you. The Preds are built on responsible defensive play and around a stellar goalie in Pekka Rinne. It's hard to imagine Vancouver losing this series, mainly because they have the offensive horses as well as the defensive stars to dominate Nashville at all angles, but the Canucks' worst enemy right now is complacency.

Do they enter Round 2 on a high, or do they come in overly confident against a lesser opponent, having just beaten their arch-nemesis and defending champions?

And of course there's Roberto Luongo. Replaced by Cory Schneider for most of Game 6, Luongo responded just the way coach Alain Vigneault hoped he would in Game 7.

Though he did look a little shaky at times, Bobby Lou came up big when he needed to, namely on Patrick Sharp's power-play one-timer in overtime that was the most important save of Luongo's career to this point. It can only be assumed the Predators won't be in Luongo's head the way Chicago was, so there's another advantage Vancouver didn't have against the Hawks.

Round 2 isn't a sure-win, but the Canucks should be more favoured to beat the Preds than they were to beat the Hawks. But, even if they do get by Nashville, the Canucks will only be starting the tough road.

San Jose or Detroit, two teams that looked very strong in the opening round, will be waiting in the conference final and each will provide its own unique set of challenges.

And then there's the emotional roller-coaster of the Stanley Cup final. But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves.

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1 Nathan Horton scored his second overtime winner of the series as the Bruins eliminated the Montreal Canadiens in Game 7 last night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

2 The Tampa Bay Lightning won 1-0 to come back from a 3-1 series deficit to beat the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 7. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

3 Canadian Patrick Chan had a world-record short-program performance at the world figure skating championship in Moscow. His 93.02 score gives him a huge 12-point lead heading into today's free program. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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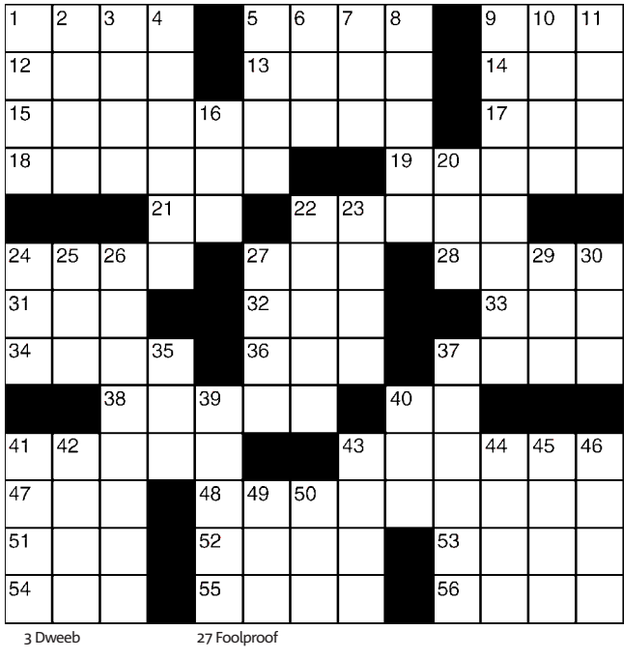

Across

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5 Society newbies
9 Opposite of "trans-"
12 Vicinity
13 Eastern nursemaid
14 Blackjack part
15 Meat-eater
17 Deteriorate
18 Last
19 Food from heaven
21 Exist
22 Syrup provider
24 Chantilly, e.g.
27 Kenny G's instrument
28 On in years
31 "I — Rock"
32 Luau music provider
33 "— been had!"
34 Lancaster foe
36 Roulette bet
37 Option for 15-Across
38 "Unsafe at Any Speed" author
40 Italian river
41 "Remember the —!"
43 Water-boiling device
47 Off-roader, for short
48 Boutonniere, often
51 — jiffy
52 Floor in the ring
53 Show the way
54 Texter's "That's funny!"
55 "Pygmalion" writer
56 Sea flock

Down

1 Confront
2 Tehran's land
3 Dweeb
4 Viennese waterway
5 Jay's rival
6 Comic Philips
7 Prohibit
8 Brother of Moe
9 — Hall
10 PC picture
11 — good example
16 Anger
20 Carte intro
22 Smith
23 Pink-slipped
24 Deposit
25 Latin 101 word
26 Fair
27 Foolproof
29 Leading lady?
30 3, on the phone
35 Neb. neighbor
37 Perfume holder
39 Adorns
40 Shell-game need
41 Letters and such
42 Periodic Table fig.
43 Recognize
44 Layer
45 Bank transaction
46 Odds' mates
49 "That feels so-o-o good!"
50 Scandinavian rug

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make an effort to make others feel special and they will make efforts that enrich you, too.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You'll get through a mountain of work today and people in positions of authority will be impressed.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know what needs to be done and you know that now is the time to get on and do it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You don't want or need any help today. Do it yourself.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You want to prove that you have what it takes, but don't take on too much.

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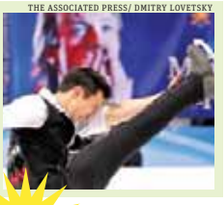

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